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SUBJ: BHUTTO ON RECOGNITION OF BANGLADESH

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SUMMARY: BHUTTO, IN MAJOR SPEECH, HAS STRONGLY REAFFIRMED THAT RECOGNITION OF BANGLADESH IS IN PAKISTAN' S OWN INTEREST. PRESIDENT CALLED UPON NATION TO CAST ASIDE ITS SUSPICIONS AND ITS NEGATIVE APPROACH TO ISSUES AND TO STRIVE FOR BETTER FUTURE. END SUMMARY

1. PRES BHUTTO GAVE MAJOR TWO- HOUR ADDRESS EVENING MARCH 29 OVER NATIONWIDE RADIO AND TELEVISION. BULK OF SPEECH, CONCERNED WITH DOMESTIC ISSUES, SUMMARIZED REFTEL. IN CONCLUDING 10 MINUTES OF TALK, PRESIDENT TURNED BRIEFLY TO PAKISTAN' S PLACE IN THE WORLD.

2. SPEAKING WITH OBVIOUS EMOTION, PRESIDENT ASKED
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RHETORICALLY WHY IT WAS THAT, WHEN REST OF WORLD WAS MOVING AHEAD IN DIFFERENT FIELDS, IN PAKISTAN THERE SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE NEGATIVE THINKING, FIGHTING, TENSION, HATE AND SUSPICION. PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN DID NOT WANT THIS NEGATIVE APPROACH, HE SAID, BUT SOUGHT ONLY BETTER FUTURE FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN. THEY HAD REPOSED THEIR CONFIDENCE IN HIM AND HIS PARTY, AND HE WAS DETERMINED LIVE UP TO THEIR CONFIDENCE.

3. PRESIDENT DEPLORED TENDENCY OF PAKISTANIS TO SAY "NO, NO, NO," ON EVERY IMPORTANT ISSUE: CONSTITUTION, DOMESTIC REFORMS, BANGLADESH, INDIA, SETTLEMENT OF SUCH DISPUTES AS KASHMIR, AND POWS. HE SAW THIS NEGATIVISM AS PRODUCT OF ILLUSIONS ON WHICH PEOPLE HAD BEEN FED BY PAST LEADERS WHO HAD FAILED DISCHARGE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR EDUCATING THE PEOPLE.

4. IF HE HAD ALREADY RECOGNIZED BANGLADESH, PRESIDENT CONTINUED, PEOPLE WOULD TODAY BE SEEING BENGALIS COMING HERE AT DIFFERENT LEVELS TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH THEIR BRETHREN. HE BELIEVED THE PEOPLE NOW UNDERSTOOD THE PROBLEM. RECOGNITION OF BANGLADESH WAS IN INTEREST OF MUSLIMS OF BENGAL, MUSLIMS OF PAKISTAN AND MUSLIMS OF ENTIRE SUBCONTINENT. CONCLUDING, HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT PAKISTAN WOULD SURMOUNT DIFFICULTIES NOW FACING IT.

5. COMMENT: SUBSTANCE OF PRESIDENT'S REMARKS ON RECOGNITION BANGLADESH ARE NOT NEW, HE HAS ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS IN PAST EMPHASIZED THAT RECOGNITION BANGLADESH IS IN PAKISTAN'S OWN INTEREST. TONE AND SWEEP OF HIS REMARKS ON THIS OCCASION, HOWEVER, AS WELL AS USE OF NATIONWIDE FORUM TO EXPRESS THEM, IMPRESSED ONLOOKERS AS GOING WELL BEYOND PREVIOUS COMMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT. IN SUM, A REMARKEDLY STATESMANLIKE PRESENTATION. SOBER

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